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CONDUCT OF COMMON ENTRANCE TEST (APPGCET) FOR CANDIDATES SEEKING ADMISSION INTO FIRST YEAR OF GENERAL POST GRADUATE PROGRAMS SUCH AS M.A., M.Com., M.Sc., etc. OFFERED BY STATE FUNDED UNIVERSITIES AND THEIR CONSTITUENT / AFFILIATED [GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE (AIDED / UNAIDED)] COLLEGES INCLUDING MINORITY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE STATE AND ADMISSIONS.

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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under sections 3 and 15 of the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1983 (Act No. 5 of 1983), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following Rules for conducting Andhra Pradesh Post Graduate Common Entrance Test (**APPGCET**) for candidates seeking admission into first year of general Post Graduate Programs such as M.A., M.Com., M.Sc. etc. offered by the State funded Universities under the administrative control of Higher Education Department and their Constituent / Affiliated [Government and Private (Aided/Unaided)] Colleges including Minority Educational Institutions in the State and Admissions through a computerized single window system of Counselling:

1. Short title, applicability and commencement:

- (i) These rules may be called "The Andhra Pradesh Post Graduate Common Entrance Test (APPGCET) and Admission Rules, 2021.
- (ii) They shall apply to Post Graduate Programs offered by the State funded Universities under the administrative control of Higher Education and their Constituent/ Affiliated [Government and Private (Aided / Unaided)] Colleges including Minority Educational Institutions in the State for admission into first year of the general Post Graduate Programs such as M.A., M.Com., M.Sc., etc.
- (iii) They shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions:

- (i) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - a) "**Act**" means The Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1983. (Act No. 5 of 1983)
 - b) "**Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee**", herein after called as APHERMC (Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission) means the Commission established by the Government under Section 3 of the Act 20 of 2019 to maintain standards of education, regulation of fee, service condition of teachers and safeguard the interests of students and to ensure public spiritedness, equity, excellence, financial stability and probity along with good governance and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.
 - c) "**Competent Authority**" means the Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education.
 - d) "**Post Graduate Program**" means the general post graduate course such as M.A., M.Com., M.Sc. etc. offered by the State funded Universities under the administrative control of Higher Education Department and their Constituent / Affiliated [Government and Private (Aided / Unaided)] Colleges including Minority Educational Institutions in the State.
 - e) "**Andhra Pradesh Post Graduate Common Entrance Test (APPGCET)**" means the State Level Common Entrance Test conducted for assigning rank or merit to candidates, which will be basis for admission of the candidates into first year of the concerned Post Graduate Programs.

- f) **"Chairperson"** means the Vice-Chancellor of a University in the State nominated by the Competent Authority for conducting APPGCET and discharging the functions as specified, relating to the Common Entrance Test for each academic year.
- g) **"Government"** means the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- h) **"APPGCET Committee"** means the Committee empowered to discharge the functions as specified in these rules relating to the conduct of Common Entrance Test for admission into first year of the Post Graduate Programs.
- i) **"Convener of APPGCET"** means a person, not below the rank of a Professor appointed by the Competent Authority in consultation with the Chairperson for conducting the APPGCET and performing such other functions relating to the said test as entrusted to him/her by the Chairperson or the Competent Authority.
- j) **"Qualified Candidate"** means the candidate who has appeared for the APPGCET and has been assigned rank in the common merit lists and has the eligibility as per the criteria laid down under Rule I(3) herein..
- k) **"Qualifying Examination"** means the examination of the minimum qualification prescribed for appearance or passing with requisite percentage of which entitles one to seek admission into relevant Post Graduate Programs as laid down under Rule I(3) herein.
- l) **"State Council"** means the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education constituted under Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education Act, 1988 (Act 16 of 1988) and amendments thereto.
- m) **"Institutions"** means, unless otherwise specifically mentioned, all State funded Universities under the administrative control of Higher Education and their Constituent/ Affiliated [Government and Private (Aided / Unaided)] Colleges including Minority Educational Institutions in the State offering general Post Graduate Programs such as M.A., M.Com., M.Sc., etc.
- n) **"Single Window System"** means a system by which available seats in all the Institutions are offered through a Common Centralized Counselling or Decentralized Online Counselling to qualified candidates in the order of merit in the Common Entrance Test.
- o) **"University"** means a State funded University concerned in which a particular Post Graduate Program is offered

- (ii) Words and Expressions used but not defined in these rules shall have the same meaning assigned to them under the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1983 (Act 5 of 1983).

I. APPGCET (TEST)

- 1. Eligibility criteria for appearing in the APPGCET:** Candidates satisfying the following requirements shall be eligible to appear for APPGCET:

- (1) The candidate should be of Indian Nationality
- (2) The candidate should satisfy 'local'/non-local' status requirements as laid down in the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission) order, 1974, as subsequently amended.
- (3) The candidate should have passed or appeared for the final year of relevant under graduate or equivalent examination to seek admission into the Post Graduate Programs and its relevant specialization.
- (4) The list of Post Graduate (PG) Programs offered by the Institutions and the eligibility criteria to each of the programs will be notified in detail along with notification of APPGCET for various categories such as

CATEGORY- I	PG Programs in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
CATEGORY- II	PG Programs in Commerce and Education
CATEGORY- III	PG Programs in Sciences

2. A P Post Graduate Common Entrance Test (APPGCET):

- i) The APPGCET shall be conducted by the Convener of APPGCET and shall be held on such dates and at centers as may be specified by the State Council in consultation with the APPGCET Committee.
- ii) The Convener of APPGCET shall give a notification in at least two leading national daily newspapers (one vernacular and one English), calling for the applications in the prescribed form, from the candidates satisfying the eligibility criteria as laid down in Rule I(1).
- iii) The notification, among other things, shall indicate the cost of application and entrance test fee, the last date for receipt of the duly filled-in applications and the date of conduct of APPGCET.
- iv) The medium of APPGCET shall be English for all the programs other than the languages and for language related Post Graduate Programs the medium of the APPGCET will be the respective language itself.

- v) The subjects and syllabus of APPGCET for each PG Program shall be as prescribed by the APPGCET Committee.
- vi) The minimum qualifying marks for ranking in APPGCET shall be 35% of maximum marks. However, "there shall be no minimum qualifying marks for the candidates belonging to the category of Schedule Castes and Scheduled Tribes for ranking".
- vii) There shall be no re-totaling, re-valuation or personal identification of response sheets (Answer Scripts) of the Common Entrance Test.
- viii) Mere appearance at the Common Entrance Test does not automatically entitle a candidate to be considered for entry into Post Graduate Programs unless the candidate secures a rank in APPGCET and satisfies the admission requirements of the concerned University / Government including marks to be obtained in the qualifying examination.
- ix) If any ambiguity or doubt arises in the interpretation or implementation of any of these rules, the decision of the Competent Authority shall be final.

3. Preparation of the merit lists and assigning ranks in APPGCET: The Convener of APPGCET shall observe the following rules in preparing the merit lists and assigning ranks:

- i) The candidate who have secured qualifying marks in APPGCET and candidates belonging to the category of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, to whom qualifying marks have not been prescribed, shall be assigned ranks in the order of the merit on the basis of marks obtained in the APPGCET.
- ii) For the preparation of merit list, in case of more than one student scoring the same marks in APPGCET, the tie shall be resolved by bracketing the candidates together for the purpose of ranking and considering seniority in age at the time of admission.
- iii) The following merit lists shall be prepared by the Convener of APPGCET:
 - a. ***State-wide Common Merit List:*** The list shall include the candidates, based on the marks obtained in the APPGCET, irrespective of one's category of reservation quota.
 - b. ***Region-wise Common Merit List:*** The list includes the candidates based on the marks obtained in the APPGCET belonging to the particular local area, irrespective of one's category of reservation quota.

- c. **Minority Community Merit Lists:** This includes merit lists, containing the candidates belonging to the different Minority Communities arranged in the Merit ranking assigned in the APPGCET, both State wide and Local Area wise.
 - d. **Community-wise Merit Lists:-** There shall be separate Community-wise merit lists for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Back-ward classes Communities, both as State-wide and Local Area-wise : and
 - e. **Merit list for other categories of reservations:** There shall be separate merit lists for other categories of reservations as per the orders in force for differently abled (physically handicapped), NCC Games and Sports, Children of Ex-servicemen and for Women both State-wide and Local Area-wise.
- iv) Every candidate who has been assigned a rank in the merit list shall be issued a Rank Card by the Convener of APPGCET. The Rank Card, among other things, shall include the marks obtained in the APPGCET and the rank assigned in the State-wide merit, Local Area-wise merit etc.

4. Constitution of APPGCET Committee:

The Competent Authority shall constitute an APPGCET Committee to deal with the matters connected with the Common Entrance Test. The APPGCET Committee shall consist of the following:

- i) Chairperson, who shall be the Vice-Chancellor of a University nominated by the Competent Authority for each academic year for the purpose of conducting APPGCET.
- ii) One Vice-chancellor from AU region and One Vice-chancellor from SVU region to be nominated by the Competent Authority for each academic year for the purpose of conducting APPGCET.
- iii) Special Chief Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department.
- iv) Commissioner of Collegiate Education
- v) Two representatives of State Council, nominated by the Competent Authority.
- vi) Convener of the APPGCET of the preceding year
- vii) Convener of APPGCET, who shall be of the rank of a Professor of the University concerned to be appointed by the Competent Authority in consultation with the Chairperson of APPGCET Committee. He shall convene the meetings of APPGCET committee
- viii) One Principal each from a University Constituent/Government

College and Private College offering Post Graduate Programs in the State, to be nominated by the Competent Authority for each academic year, by turn.

ix) The Competent Authority may nominate other members as per the requirement.

5. Functions of APPGCET Committee:

The APPGCET Committee shall take decisions on the following aspects relating to the Common Entrance Test:

- i) Cost of the application and registration fee to be collected from the candidates appearing for the test.
- ii) Norms for payment of remuneration for different items / services undertaken in connection with APPGCET.
- iii) Eligibility criteria for the Post Graduate Programs
- iv) Schedule of APPGCET including date of announcement of results of the test.
- v) Pattern of test paper, duration of the test, syllabus content, marks assigned to each paper etc.,
- vi) Such other issues as may be referred by the Chairperson and the Competent Authority.

6. Functions of the Chairperson of the APPGCET Committee:

The Chairperson –

- i) Shall preside over all the meetings of the Committee and in his/her absence, he/she may nominate one of the members of the Committee to preside over the meetings.
- ii) Shall oversee all the activities related to the APPGCET and take appropriate decisions in consultation with the competent authority for the smooth conduct of the CET

7. Functions of the Convener of the APPGCET:

The Convener of the APPGCET shall, subject to such directions as may be issued by the Chairperson, discharge his/her duties in the matters relating to the APPGCET. The Convener is specifically responsible for discharging the following functions:

- i) Preparation and hosting the application form of APPGCET web portal

- ii) Issuing the notification inviting applications for the Common Entrance Test.
- iii) Registration of application forms and issue of Hall-Tickets
- iv) Appointment of paper setters, moderators for the APPGCET and perform confidential works for the conduct of APPGCET.
- v) Appointment of Coordinators/ Chief Superintendents / General or Special Observers for various test centers.
- vi) Confidential work of evaluating answer scripts
- vii) Appointment of members of Confidential Team for assisting computer/electronic process in valuation of answer scripts and other confidential works.
- viii) Payment of remuneration for various items / services utilized for the purpose of APPGCET
- ix) Maintenance and submission of audited accounts to the State Council.
- x) Preparation of answer keys through a team of Professors of Universities, in consultation with the Chairperson
- xi) Publication of results and dispatch of rank cards to the qualified candidates.
- xii) Such other duties as entrusted by the Chairperson or the Competent Authority from time to time.

II APPGCET (ADMISSIONS):

A. Constitution of APPGCET Admissions Committee:

- (a) Convener of APPGCET Admissions will be appointed by the Competent Authority and he/she shall be a person not below the rank of a Professor well versed with the admission process and such other functions as entrusted to him/her by the Competent Authority, for smooth conduct of said admissions.
- (b) The Committee for APPGCET Admissions shall be constituted by the Competent Authority with the following members to advise the Convener of APPGCET Admissions for smooth conduct of said admissions:

- (i) Chairman of the State Council ...**(Chairman)**
- (ii) Special Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary or his nominee
- (iii) Commissioner of Collegiate Education or his/her nominee.
- (iv) Secretary of the State Council
- (v) Convener of APPGCET Admissions ... **(Member Convener)**
- (vi) Professor in-charge of Computer/Online systems in admission camp
- (vii) Two representatives of Universities as nominated by the State Council
- (viii) Two representatives of Private Unaided Institutions offering Post Graduate Programs as nominated by the State Council.
- (ix) Two officers nominated by the State Council.

1. Admission procedure:

The procedure for admission of candidates through a singlewindow system operated by the Convener of APPGCET Admissions shall be as follows:-

- i) The Convener of APPGCET Admissions shall collect rank lists of the qualified candidates in APPGCET prepared by the Convener of APPGCET.
- ii) The Convener of APPGCET Admission shall prepare and notify the schedule for admissions, venue, timings and all other necessary details in at least two leading national daily newspapers (one vernacular and one English), at least 8-10 days before the commencement of counselling. The decision of the Committee for APPGCET Admissions shall be final in issuing the notification, the schedule and procedure of counselling.
- iii) The Convener of APPGCET Admissions shall adopt computerized Single Window System of Counselling either by following centralized or decentralized Online Counselling at various centers for the convenience of the Candidates and shall prepare the seat matrix of Institutions. He/she shall make all the necessary arrangements for manpower, admission venue, drawing scrutiny officers from other departments, fee collection, networking, facilities for Online Counselling at various centers, mobilization of software etc., in consultation with the Admissions Committee.
- iv) There shall be no other mode of admissions for all PG Programs in the Institutions other than the Single Window System for APPGCET Admissions in the State. No Institution shall issue a notification and call for applications for admission into PG Programs separately or individually.

- v) Candidates shall be called for online web based counselling and provisional allotment of PG Programs / Institutions shall be made in the order of merit assigned at APPGCET, by following the rules of Reservation as per Rule II(5) hereunder and G.O.Ms.No.550, Higher Education Dept., dated: 30-07-2001 whenever applicable and such allotment is only provisional.
- vi) The selection of candidates and allotment of PG Programs / Institutions shall be solely on the basis of merit as adjudged by the rank obtained in APPGCET duly following the rules of reservation as applicable.
- vii) Mere appearance in the Common Entrance Test and obtaining rank in the merit list does not entitle a candidate to be considered for admission automatically unless he / she also satisfies the rules and regulations of admission prescribed by the concerned University / Government including marks to be obtained in the qualifying examination.
- viii) Once a candidate secures admission to a particular Institution based on his / her option, no more claims for admission into other Institutions, to any other kind of seat or other course, will be entertained during that phase of admissions.
- ix) The candidate who secured admission to an Institution offering Post Graduate Programs, at the time of admission, shall pay the total fees payable per annum as fixed by the APHERMC for the course offered by the Institution concerned. However, the candidates who are eligible for Jagananna Vidya Deevana (RTF) scheme admitted into seats under Regular and EWS categories in Universities and their Constituent / affiliated Government Colleges are exempted from paying the tuition fee.

2. Method of admission:

The general guidelines for the admission of candidates into Institutions offering Post Graduate Programs shall be as follows:-

- i. The admissions into Post Graduate Programs in all Institutions offering PG programs shall be made through a Single Window System in the order of merit in APPGCET.
- ii. The Convener of APPGCET admissions shall allot candidates to Institutions in terms of Rules II(4) laid down herein.
- iii. The total number of candidates to be admitted in all the Institutions offering Post Graduate Programs shall not exceed the limits prescribed by the concerned affiliating University from time to time.

3. Eligibility criteria for admission:

The eligibility criteria for Admission into PostGraduate Programs shall be as mentioned below:-

- (i). The candidate should be an Indian National.
- (ii). The candidate should have passed the appropriate qualifying examination or equivalent examination as on the date of his/her Counselling. The candidate should also have secured a rank in the Post Graduate Common Entrance Test (APPGCET) and satisfy other conditions as laid down in these Rules.
- (iii).The candidate should satisfy local/non-local status requirement as laid down in the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions) Orders, 1974 as subsequently amended for admission into all seats across all Institutions other than the Category-B seats in Private (Aided / Unaided)Colleges including Minority Educational Institutions.

4. Allotment of seats:

The general guidelines for the admissions of candidates into Institutions offering Post Graduate programs shall be as follows:-

(a) Admission to all seats in a State funded Universities and their Constituent and affiliated Government Colleges in the State

- i) Admissions shall be made in the order of merit on the basis of the rank assigned in the relevant branch in the Common Entrance Test (APPGCET) through online web based counselling only. Institutional Spot admissions shall not be permitted.
- ii) There shall be two categories of seats in all State funded Universities and their Constituent and affiliated Government Colleges:

(1)Regular Category
(2)Self-supporting Category

- iii) There shall be seats in each of the PG Program under Self-supporting category in all State funded Universities and their Constituent and affiliated Government Colleges over and above the existing intake as declared by the concerned University for the course:
 - (a) The candidates who are admitted under Self-supporting category are not eligible for government schemes such as Jagananna Vidya Deevena, Jagananna Vasathi Deevena etc.

- (b) The fee structure for the Self-supporting category seats, as decided by the concerned University, will be higher than the fee structure for Regular Category seats.

b) Admission to all seats allotted to Affiliated Private (Aided / Unaided) Colleges offering Post Graduate Programs in the State:

- i) The seats in each PG Program in each Private College shall be classified into two 'categories' such as:
 - a) Category-A seats – 70% of the sanctioned intake
 - b) Category-B seats – 30% of the sanctioned intake
- ii) **Category 'A' seats** shall be 70% of the total sanctioned intake of seats for the Post Graduate Program in the affiliated Private (Aided / Unaided) College:-
 - a) The fee structure for such Category-A seats shall be as fixed by APHERMC from time to time.
 - b) These seats shall be filled with eligible candidates who satisfy the local/nonlocal status through online web-based counselling in the order of merit on the basis of the rank in the Entrance Test.
 - c) The Convener of APPGCET Admissions shall inform the vacant seats, if any, to the institutions concerned, only after conducting all phases of Admission counselling till the last rank of APPGCET, to be filled by the institutions under institutional spot admissions ensuring merit and transparency.
 - d) The institutions shall fill, on merit basis, such vacant seats handed over by the Convener of APPGCET Admissions by issuing notification for admissions by the individual institutions. The institutions shall fill-up these seats from out of the candidates eligible and qualified in APPGCET. The remaining seats, if any, shall be filled with the eligible candidates as per the eligibility criteria specified by the respective university.
 - e) The institution shall obtain ratification from the competent authority for all the admissions made under institutional spot admissions.
 - f) The Convener of APPGCET Admissions shall prepare the final list of candidates, admitted course-wise and institution wise and send the same to the concerned universities and institutions.

- g) The competent authority in consultation with the committee of APPGCET admissions shall fix the cut off dates for each stage of admissions.
- h) All admitted candidates shall produce the specified original documents for verification to the respective universities. The respective universities shall be entitled to cause verification of all the documents produced by the candidate.
- iii) **Category 'B' seats** shall be 30% of the total sanctioned intake of seats for the Post Graduate Program in the affiliated Private (Aided / Unaided) College:-
- a) These seats shall be filled with eligible candidates, as per the procedure notified by the Government from time to time.
 - b) If vacant seats still exist, such seats shall be filled with eligible candidates including those who are not qualified in the APPGCET based on merit in the qualifying examination with not less than 50% of aggregate marks in the qualifying exam. 5% relaxation in aggregate marks shall be given to SC/ST students.
 - c) The fee structure for such Category-B seats shall be as fixed by APHERMC from time to time.
 - d) As per the GO.Ms.No.77,dated: 25-12-2020 issued by Social Welfare (Edn) Department in the Government, in the case of PG Courses Post Metric Scholarships such as Jagananna Vidya Deevena (RTF) and Jagananna Vasathi Deevena (MTF) are confined to only the students admitted under Convener quota (Regular Category seats herein) offered by the State funded Universities and Government Colleges in the State from AY 2020-21. Thus, irrespective of the Category (either Category-A or Category-B) of the seats and the mode of admission (either Counselling or Spot), the candidates who are admitted to Post Graduate Programs offered by Private (Aided / Unaided) Colleges are not eligible for government schemes such as Jagananna Vidya Deevena, Jagananna Vasathi Deevena etc.
- (c) For all Categories of seats in the Institutions as mentioned under (a) and (b) above:**
- i) The Convener of APPGCET Admissions shall admit students into all the categories based on merit in the Common Entrance Test.
 - ii) The Convener of APPGCET Admissions shall prepare the final list of candidates admitted course-wise, institution wise and Category-wise and send the same to the concerned Universities and Colleges.

- iii) The Competent Authority in consultation with the APPGCET Admissions Committee shall fix the cut off dates for each stage of Admissions.
- iv) All admitted candidates shall produce the specified original documents for verification to the respective Universities. The respective Universities shall be entitled to cause verification of all the documents produced by the candidates.
- v) The Convener of APPGCET Admissions shall inform the vacant seats, if any, in the Institutions to the concerned institutions, only after conducting all phases of Counselling for admissions till the last rank of APPGCET ensuring merit and transparency.
- vi) There shall not be spot admissions for PG programs offered by any of the State funded Universities and their Constituent and Affiliated Government Institutions in the State.

5. Rules of reservation for admissions:

5.1 Reservation for Local Candidates:

- 5.1.1 Admission to 85% of the seats in each Course shall be reserved for the local\candidates and the remaining 15% of the seats shall be unreserved as specified in the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions) Order, 1974 as subsequently amended (Details enclosed in Annexure-I).
- 5.1.2 In respect of State Wide Universities, the State quotas apply as prescribed in the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions) Order, 1974.

5.2 Supernumerary seats under EWS and Other States Category

- 5.2.1 A total of 10% supernumerary seats on sanctioned intake in each course shall be reserved for the candidates in respect of Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) as per G.O.Ms.No.65, GAD, dt: 14.07.2020.
- 5.2.2 Another 10% supernumerary seats on sanctioned intake in each course offered by State funded Universities and their Constituent Colleges exclusively for the candidates belonging to other States and Union Territories in the Union of India.

5.3 Reservation for SC/ST/BC Communities

- 5.3.1 There shall be reservation of seats for SCs, STs and BCs as specified hereunder:
 - a) Scheduled Castes: A total of 15% of seats in each Course shall be reserved for Candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes Category.

- b) Scheduled Tribes: A total of 6% of seats in each Course shall be reserved for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Tribes Category.
- c) Backward Classes: A total of 29% seats in each Course shall be reserved for the candidates in respect of Backward Classes as shown below:

Group - A : 7%
Group - B : 10%
Group - C : 1%
Group - D : 7%
Group - E : 4%

- 5.3.2 Candidates belonging to the above categories should submit Community, Nativity and Date of Birth Certificate as per G.O.Ms.No.58 of Social WelfareDepartment,dt.12.05.1997.
- 5.3.3 SC, ST and BC candidates who get seats on merit will not be considered against the seat reserved for them in the concerned category and such candidates will be considered under the general category of seats.
- 5.3.4 If sufficient number of candidates are not available to fill up the seats reserved for SCs they shall be filled up by suitable candidates from STs and vice-versa. If the required number of candidates are not available for filling up the quota of seats reserved for SCs and STs they may be filled up by the candidates from the general pool on the basis of the merit.
- 5.3.5 While filling up the seats reserved for Backward Classes, the qualified Backward Class-A candidates should be considered in the order of merit. If qualified Backward Class-A candidates are not available, the turn will go to Backward Class-B, Backward Class-C, Backward Class-D or Backward Class-E in the order of merit in each group. If no suitable candidates are available in any of the five groups, the seats shall be filled up from general pool on the basis of merit.

5.4 Reservation of Seats for NCC and Games & Sports/ Extra Curricular Activities/ Children of Ex-Servicemen and Armed Personnel:

- 5.4.1 A Maximum of 4.5% of the seats of P G programs shall be reserved for the candidates who have distinguished themselves in Sports, Extra-Curricular activities, N.C.C and children of Ex-Servicemen and Armed Personnel as follows:-

- (i) **Reservation for N.C.C :** 1% of the seats are reserved for the students possessing the prescribed certificates in N.C.C. If suitable candidate is not available for any seat in the above categories, the same shall be filled up from general pool on the basis of merit.
- (ii) **Reservation of seats for Games and Sports:** 0.5% of the seats are reserved for students who have participated in the following games and sports (list given below). The selection of the candidates under this category shall be made according to the G.O.Ms.No.20, Youth Advancement, Tourism& Culture (Sports) Department, dated:24.08.2009.

1 Archery	11 Hand Ball	21 Soft Ball
2 Athletics	12 Hockey	22 Swimming
3 Basket Ball	13 Judo	23 Table Tennis
4 Boxing	14 Khabadi	24 Taekwondo
5 Chess	15 Kho-Kho	25 Tennis
6 Cricket	16 Roller Skating	26 Volley Ball
7 Cycling	17 Rowing	27 Weight-lifting
8 Fencing	18 Sailing/Yatching	28 Wrestling
9 Foot Ball	19 Shooting	29 Ball Badminton
10 Gymnastics	20 Shuttle Badminton	

- 5.4.2 If suitable candidate is not available for any seat in the above categories, the same shall be filled up from general pool on the basis of merit.

5.5 Reservation of seats for Extra-Curricular activities:

- 5.5.1 1% of the total seats shall be reserved for students who participated in Extra Curricular activities such as Elocution, Debates, Essay and Fine Arts like Dance, Drama, Music, Painting, Photography and President Scouts and Guides Certificate holders. The selection of candidates shall be made in the following order of preference:-
- (A) Candidates who have represented India at the International level in ExtraCurricular activities and President Scouts and Guides.
 - (B) Candidates who have represented the State at the All India level in the Extra Curricular activities or obtained prize at the competition of All India level.
 - (C) Candidates who have represented the College at the Inter Collegiate level and those who have participated at Inter School level.
- (a) Whenever there are more number of candidates with a similar merit than the actual number of seats available under the categories specified in item(A), (B), and (C) above, admission shall be regulated by the marks obtained in the qualifying examination.

(b) If suitable candidate is not available for any seat in the above categories, the same shall be filled up from general pool on the basis of merit.

5.6 Reservation of seats for Children of Ex-Servicemen and Children of Armed Personnel (CAP):

5.6.1 2% of the seats are reserved for children of Ex-Servicemen and Children of Armed personnel as per existing Government orders and shall be in the following order of preference:-

- (a) Children of Armed Forces Personnel killed in action.
- (b) Children of Armed Personnel disabled in action and invalidated from service on Medical grounds.
- (c) Children of Armed Forces Personnel who are in receipt of Gallantry Awards, the order of merit for consideration of the Gallantry Awards being as given below:

i. ParamVir Chakra	vi. UttamYoudhSeva Medal
ii. Asoka Chakra	vii. Vir Chakra
iii. Sarvotham Yodh Seva Medal	viii. Shourya Chakra
iv. Mahavir Chakra	ix. YudhaSeva Medal
v. Kirti Chakra	x. Seva/NauSena/ VayuSenaMedal
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- (d) Children of other Ex-Servicemen.

5.6.2 If suitable candidate is not available for any seat in the above categories, the same shall be filled up from general pool on the basis of merit.

5.7 Reservation of Seats for Differently Abled (Physically Challenged):

5.7.1 According to the G.O.Ms.No.339, Education (EC.2) Department, dated:15.12.1999, (Visually Challenged/Impaired, Hearing Impaired, Orthopedically Challenged) 3% of the total number of seats in the 1st year of P G programs shall be reserved for the Physically Challenged persons in the following order:-

There shall be horizontal reservation in each category (OC, BC, SC and ST) in each Course of an Institution, for the following categories, to the extent indicated against them:-

- (i) Visually Challenged/Impaired - 1%
- (ii) Hearing Impaired - 1%
- (iii) Orthopedically Challenged - 1%

5.7.2 The classifications with regard to the above priorities shall be as follows:-

(i) **Visually Challenged/Impaired:** A person can be said to be Visually Challenged if the vision is from 6/18 up to 6/60 and anything less than 6/60 shall be considered as an extreme handicap. The above criteria shall also be made applicable to persons with vision in both the eyes, but coming within the range of defects indicated above.

(ii) **Orthopedically Challenged:**

Defects of upper limbs: (a) Quadriplegic (loss of use of 4 limbs shall be considered as the top most priority in this category). (b) Loss of both the limbs – preference shall be given to loss of upper limbs from the above downwards.

Defect of lower limbs: The criteria applicable to upper limbs shall also be applied to lower limbs with preference to be given for the loss of limbs from the above downwards.

(iii) **Hearing Impaired:** The Deaf are those in whom the sense of hearing is non- functional for ordinary purpose of life. They do not hear and understand at all even with amplified speech. The cases included in this category will be those having less / more than 90 decibels in the better ear (profound impairment) or total loss of hearing in both cases. A person is deaf if he cannot hear for all practical purposes being deaf in both the ears. Persons using hearing aids are to be considered as deaf.

5.7.3 The loss of one eye or one upper limb or one lower limb shall be given a very low priority.

5.7.4 In case suitable candidates are not available for any seat, such seat shall be filled from general pool on the basis of merit.

5.8 Reservation of Seats for Women Candidates:

5.8.1 Wherever applicable, a minimum of 33 1/3% of the available seats in each Course will be allotted to women candidates from each category, i.e., OC/SC/ST/BC/PH/CAP/Sports/Extra Curricular Activities.

5.8.2 This rule is not applicable if women candidates selected on merit in each category exceed 33.33% or more of the seats therein.

5.8.3 In the absence of suitable women candidates in the respective categories, the seats shall be filled with men candidates of the same category.

III FUNDS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE APPGCET:

- i) The amounts that are collected from the candidates towards the cost of the APPGCET application fee and registration fee for online web based counselling shall be directly credited into the account of the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education.
- ii) The Convener shall draw advances from the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education, to incur necessary expenditure for items/services connected with the APPGCET and submits for audit to the Local Fund (State) Audit and report thereof shall be submitted to the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education.

IV) SPECIAL DIRECTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT:

In the event of any malpractice or leakage of question paper or, in any other circumstances, leading to the stopping of APPGCET process as scheduled, the Government may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, direct the conduct of a re-examination of the APPGCET. In such an event the A.P State Council of Higher Education or any other body so nominated by the Government shall cause the APPGCET re-examination to be conducted by appointing / nominating such functionaries or Committees, as considered necessary, without levying any extra fees from the candidates for this purpose.

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ANNEXURE - I

Explanation: For purpose of region wise reservation of rules,

a) Local Area means:

The part of the Andhra Pradesh comprising of

- (i) Chittoor, Kadapa, Kurnool, Ananthapur and Nellore shall be considered as local area for purpose of admission into colleges in S.V.University, S.K. University, Yogi Vemana University, Rayalaseema University and Vikramasimhapuri University;
- (ii) Prakasam, Guntur, Krishna, East Godavari, West Godavari, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram and Srikakulam shall be considered as local area for the purpose of admission into Andhra University, AcharyaNagarjuna University, Krishna University, AdikaviNannayya University, and Dr.B.R. Ambedkar University; and
- (iii) to any other educational institutions (other than a State-wide University or State wide educational institution) which is subject to the control of the State Government and is situated in that part.

b) The Local Candidate means:

- 1) A candidate for admission shall be regarded as a local candidate in relation to a local area
 - (a) If he/she has studied in educational Institution or educational Institutions in such local area for a period of not less than four consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he/she appeared or as the case may be, first appeared in the relevant qualifying examination.
 - (or)
 - (b) Where, during the whole or any part of the four consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he/she appeared or, as the case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination, he/she has not studied in any educational Institutions, if he/she has resided in that local area for a period of not less than four years immediately preceding the date of commencement of the relevant qualifying examination in which he/she appeared or, as the case may be, first appeared.
- 2) A candidate for admission to the Course who is not regarded as local candidate under clause (A) in relation to any local area shall (A) If he has studied in educational Institutions in the State for a period of not less than seven consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he/she appeared or, as the case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination be regarded as a local candidate in relation to
 - (i) Such local area where he/she has studied for the maximum period out of said period of seven years, or

- (a) Where the period of his/her study in two or more local areas are equal, such local area, where he/she has studied last in such equal period, or
 - (b) If, during the whole or any part of seven consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he/she appeared or, as the case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination, he/she has not studied in the educational Institutions in any local area, but has resided in the State during the whole of the said period of seven years, be regarded as a local candidate in relation to, (i) Such local area where he/she has resided for the maximum period out of the said period of seven years, or (ii) Where the periods of his/her residence in two or more local areas are equal, such local area where he/she has resided last in such equal periods.
- 3) The following categories of candidates are eligible to apply for admission to the remaining 15% of un-reserved seats:
- a) All the candidates eligible to be declared as local candidates
 - b) Candidates who have resided in the State for a total period of 10 years excluding periods of study outside the State or either of whose parents have resided in the State for a total period of ten years excluding period of employment outside the State.
 - c) Candidates who are children of parents who are in the employment of this State or Central Government, Public Sector Corporations, Local Bodies, Universities and other similar Quasi-Public Institutions, within the State.
 - d) Candidates who are spouses of those in the employment of the State or Central Government, Public Sector Corporations, Local Bodies, Universities and Educational institutions recognized by the Government or University OR Other Competent Authority and similar Quasi Government Institutions within the State.
 - e) If a local candidate in respect of a local area is not available to fill any seat reserved or allocated in favour of a local candidate in respect of that local area, such seat shall be filled if it had not been reserved.

NOTE:

For details, see the A.P Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions) Order, 1974 subsequently amended.

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